

Emeritus Professor of the University

Professor Indra Abeysekera

Professor Indra Abeysekera has been in academia for 21 years, working across five Australian universities. During this time, he has made outstanding contributions to CDU through course innovation, disciplinary leadership, research excellence and university life.

Professor Abeysekera earned a PhD, from Macquarie University; a Master of Education from the University of Sydney, and a Master of Science from the University of Wales. He earned a forensic accounting and fraud examination certificate from West Virginia University.

He is a Chartered Accountant and a CPA in Australia, a Chartered Management Accountant in the UK and a Global Chartered Management Accountant GCMA.

Before joining academia, Professor Abeysekera worked full-time and in project-based consulting for over 10 years across 15 public and private sector firms. Professor Abeysekera is a leading scientist in the world's top 2% for research impact in his field of accountancy for the past six consecutive years. He has twice received the Emerald Literati Award for outstanding research journal contributions in 2007 and 2008. He continues to credit CDU with journal research output and is consistently recognised by the university for his world-standing research contributions.

Indra contributed to university life by taking on various roles, including Discipline Leader in Accounting, Head of Postgraduate Programs, School of Business and Law executive, and Learning and Teaching Committee member at CDU.

In 2019 he designed and conducted the inaugural National Tax Clinic Trial in the Northern Territory and served 265 tax clients with a mobile tax clinic conducted at shopping centres across the Northern Territory.

At the time Professor Abeysekera said the clinic was a 'win-win' for clients who would benefit from tax advice, but could not afford it, and students who received critical, real-world experience.

In recognition of his outstanding academic contributions in research, course innovation, and leadership, Charles Darwin University Council awards Professor Indra Abeysekera the Honorary title of Emeritus Professor of the University.